

## 40 CANS FOR LENT

# Residents Answer Challenge

By Carolyn Walker

When local individuals, churches and organizations were challenged in February to participate in the 40 Cans for Lent program, the community responded in true Dawson Springs fashion.

As a result of those who donated a can of food each day during Lent, the DAPS food bank received 3,532 food items. Increased need for assistance in recent years has made keeping food available very difficult. Thanks to the citizens of Dawson Springs, the shelves are now fully stocked.

Although 40 Cans for Lent was sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 15181, the program was a community effort in Dawson Springs.

"There was a wonderful response to 40 Cans for Lent from the whole community," said Beri Zapanick, who represents Resurrec-

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## Spring Concert Will Be Sunday

The annual spring band concert will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Dawson Springs High School gym.

Bands performing include the sixth grade beginning band, seventh and eighth grade band and the high school band. Some selections presented by the high school band will reflect the group's recent trip to New Orleans.

The spring concert is also a time to give to the community. Band members will collect nonperishable food items for the DAPS food bank. There is no admission charge to attend the concert, but those attending are encouraged to bring food items to donate.



MELISSA HEFLIN points out something on the map of trails in and around Dawson Springs to Hank Mills Saturday morning, April 27. The map is located at the Dawson Springs Trailhead which is under the gazebo in the center of town.

## TO DESIGNATE STATE'S FIRST TRAIL TOWN

# First Lady Jane Beshear Will Visit Dawson Springs On May 9

By Carolyn Walker

May 9 is a day for all Dawson Springs residents to mark on their calendars. Mayor Jenny Sewell hopes everyone will come out that day to celebrate Dawson Springs' designation as the first Kentucky Trail Town community.

"We are asking for artisans, cyclists, people on horses, canoeists and kayakers, and most especially our own citizens to come out to the event," Sewell said.

The festivities will begin at 11 a.m. with a Tasting of Dawson Springs at Veterans Memorial Park where a large tent will be set up. Food samples will be provided by local restaurants and food purvey-

ors.

The designation will be announced by first lady Jane Beshear at 12:15 p.m. followed by a reception and live entertainment. Local third-grade students will square dance, and Chad Audas will sing. Events will be held rain or shine.

Tours of three trails will be led, including a hiking trail at Jones Keeney Wildlife Management Area where visitors will see Hunters Bluff, Saltpeter Cave, and one of the few natural bridges in Western Kentucky. Hikers can also choose the Pennyryle Lake Trail featuring spring wildflowers or the Tradewater Blueway Trail. The interpretive paddling tour will take guests past many sites where they

will learn the history and folklore of the area. Everyone is welcome to experience one of the three trails. Shuttles will be available for out-of-town guests.

Sewell believes if there is one event anyone with an interest in Dawson Springs would want to attend, this is it. The Trail Town designation marks the first time in more than 60 years that Dawson Springs has been recognized as a tourist designation.

"The beautiful topography and all the natural sites are still here," the mayor said. "When we look back in history, this particular announcement could be the most important in many years. This is just the beginning."

## Local Man Pleads Guilty

Joshua Vinson, 32, of Dawson Springs, has pleaded guilty to multiple charges related to a 2012 incident during which he threatened to blow up the Dawson Springs Police Department.

According to a story in The Messenger, Vinson said he was intoxicated at the time of the incident and does not remember his actions.

Vinson will be sentenced July 1. The commonwealth recommended the following sentences to be served concurrently:

- First-degree terroristic threatening — five years
- Six counts of third-degree terroristic threatening — 12 months on each count
- Harassing communications — 30 days
- Resisting arrest — 12 months
- Two counts of third-degree assault (of a police officer) — five years on each count

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## Orientations Are Tomorrow

Orientation for next year's seventh and ninth grade students will be held tomorrow in the school gymnasium.

An informational meeting for any student entering the seventh grade at Dawson Springs Junior-Senior High School during the 2013-2014 school year will begin at 6 p.m.

Orientation for incoming freshmen will begin at 6:30 p.m.

## Take Kids Fishing Is Being Planned

Plans are being made for the eighth annual Take Kids Fishing Day May 18 at Riverside Park.

Fishing will take place from 9 to 11 a.m. Preregistration fees are \$1 for children and adults. On site registration is \$2 per person. Local registration sites are the branch library, city hall and the housing authority.

For additional information, phone Mary Adams at 797-8990.

## 1996 GRADUATE OF DAWSON SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL

# Scott Jennings Attends Dedication Of Bush Library

By Carolyn Walker

When the George W. Bush Presidential Library was dedicated last week, Dawson Springs was represented at the ceremony. Local native Scott Jennings attended the dedication on the campus of Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, as an alumni of the 2000 and 2004 Bush presidential campaigns and as a White House staff member during the Bush administration.

Jennings, a 1996 graduate of Dawson Springs High School, became involved in politics at an early age and went on to participate in state and national campaigns. He served as Special Assistant to the President and Deputy White House Political Director under President Bush from 2005 to 2007.

Thursday's dedication

was also attended by President Barack Obama and ex-presidents Jimmy Carter, George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton. Jennings said he was gratified by the gracious remarks the other presidents made about his former boss.

"The one thing that is not debatable over time is someone's character," he said, noting that all the presidents emphasized how much they thought of George Bush as a man.

"People who are Democrats and liberals may not agree with his policies, but they agree George Bush is an honest person and an honorable man," Jennings said. "We have something here in America that few other places have. We can be at each other's throats politically, but at the end of the day, we are all Americans."

After participating in the

political process, Jennings has great respect for those who choose to serve.

"It's not easy to stand for office," he said. "It's not easy to be in office."

Jennings said he is proud to have been a part of three presidential campaigns and to represent the Republican Party. He is motivated to be involved in 2016 as well as in upcoming state campaigns.

While Jennings has experienced more than many young people his age in politics and as co-founder of RunSwitch Public Relations in Louisville, he has not forgotten his small town roots. In March he returned to his alma mater to join other Dawson Springs High School graduates in a career day program.

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SCOTT JENNINGS, former resident of Dawson Springs and graduate of Dawson Springs High School looks at exhibits in the George W. Bush Presidential Library.

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## Obituaries

Marylou Bratcher, 68

Novella Lynn, 83

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 <b>82/61</b> Mainly sunny with a few afternoon clouds. Warm. High 82.	 <b>77/57</b> More clouds than sun. Highs in upper 70s, lows in upper 50s.	 <b>65/54</b> Rain with a few rumbles of thunder.	 <b>61/53</b> Showers possible. Highs in low 60s, lows in low 50s.	 <b>70/53</b> Times of sun and clouds. Highs in low 70s, lows in low 50s.

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# Dawson Springs Officers Report Week's Activities

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—David W. Meeks, 43, 65 Jennings Road, was arrested April 23 at his residence. He was charged with two counts of first-degree sexual abuse of a victim under 12. Josh Travis was the charging officer.

—Jeri K. Hammons, 26, 1350 Olney Road, was arrested April 23 at the municipal park. She was charged with alcohol intoxication in a public place. Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—Patricia M. Morgan, 42, 136 Oats St., Madisonville, was arrested April 23 at Peyton Circle. He was charged with failure to appear (Christian County warrant). Brad Ross was the charging officer.

—Jacob E. Hart, 28, 79 Laurel Road, Nebo, was arrested April 24 at the Hopkins County Detention Center. He was charged with failure to appear or pay (Caldwell County warrant). Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—Clifford L. Barnes, 38, East Munn Street, was served a criminal summons April 24 at his residence. He was charged with third-degree unlawful transaction with a minor. Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer. The summons was obtained by Officer Josh Travis as a result of an investigation.

—Stephanie M. Clark, 21, Mineral Street, was served a criminal summons April 24 at her residence. She was charged with third-degree unlawful transaction with a minor. Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer. The summons was obtained by Officer Josh Travis as a result of an investigation.

—Maxx Phebus, 19, 1925 Rabbit Ridge Road, Nebo, was cited April 28 on U.S. 62 East. He was charged with operating on a suspended operator's license, possessing a license when privileges are revoked and failure to produce an insurance card. Josh Travis was the charging officer.

A Dawson Springs man was charged by the Hopkins County Sheriff's Department.

—Cody A. Smith, 24, Hospital Road, was charged April 27 with fourth-degree assault (domestic violence).



**BROOK THROGMORTON (left) watches as (from front) Kaleigh Haulk, Brooklyn Clark and Kimberly Burbage participate in one of the Earth Day activirites Monday, April 22, at Dawson Springs Community Schools.**

# Princeton Police Charge Dawson Springs Resident

The Princeton Police Department charged four Hopkins County residents on theft and narcotics charges after responding to shoplifting complaints at Goody's Department Store and the Factory Connection on U.S. 62 West.

Officers determined the four had stolen numerous items of merchandise including underwear, shoes and clothes valued at \$1,100 from Goody's and \$62.49 worth of merchandise from the Factory Connection.

Those arrested were Gavin P. Lemons, 20, Crestview Drive, Madisonville; Kealyn J. Bruce, 23, Crestview Drive, Madisonville; and Marian R. Montoya, 46, Island Ford Road, Madisonville, on charges of theft by unlawful taking under \$10,000.

Montoya was also charged with possession of synthetic marijuana, possession of a controlled substance not in a proper container and possession of a third-degree controlled substance after officers discovered a bottle containing several tablets include Alprazolam (Xanax).

Officers also charged Kristen N. Rudd, 32, Cook Lane, Dawson Springs, with one count of theft by unlawful taking under \$10,000. Lemons, Bruce and Montoya were lodged in the county jail, and Rudd, who had to be hospitalized due to a pre-existing condition, was issued a citation to appear in Caldwell County District Court May 13 to answer to the charge.

# I-24 Travelers Alerted To One-Lane Situation

From The Gleaner

Travelers heading to or from Nashville on Interstate 24 for the next several months, had better allow some extra traveling time.

Motorists traveling on I-24 between Hopkinsville and the Tennessee state line will likely encounter delays because one lane is blocked in both directions for construction work, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet advised.

The one-lane traffic extends for eight miles, from U.S. 41-Alternate south of Hopkinsville to the Tennessee line. Traffic congestion will be particularly heavy during afternoon commutes, the cabinet said.

The contractor had been taking down the work zone each Friday since work started April 1 to allow normal traffic flow for the heavy Friday traffic during spring break travel season.

But with the spring break season over, the lane closures will be in place in both directions 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The work zone also has reduced speed limits and a 16-foot load width restriction.

The one-lane traffic in each direction will continue until Oct. 13, according to the state's travel information Web site, 511.ky.gov.

Motorists are encouraged to find alternative routes around the work zone to reduce traffic delays on I-24.

# Gov. Announces Awards For Childhood Councils

Gov. Steve Beshear and the Governor's Office of Early Childhood announced \$196,600 in funding for four regions to establish or strengthen Community Early Childhood Councils across Kentucky to promote school readiness for children.

The grants are part of Beshear's ongoing commitment to improve education and health services for Kentucky's youngest citizens.

Each area of the state has a regional coordinator or anchor who helps surrounding counties create or improve local councils. The local school district in each anchor county is responsible for implementing the program.

The regions awarded \$49,150 grants include Todd (anchor county), Hopkins, Christian and Muhlenberg counties; Clinton (anchor), Adair, Cumberland and Russell counties; Morehead State University (anchor), Bracken, Lewis, Lawrence and Martin counties; and Madison (anchor), Estill, Powell and Lee counties.

The Governor's Task Force on Early Childhood Development and Education was formed in February 2009 to study the state's system of early childhood services. The Early Childhood Advisory Council was created as a result of the task force's recommendations.

"We created the council to unite community leaders behind common strategies, standards and goals for Kentucky's early childhood system," Beshear said. "These grants are a direct result of its work to provide and support our communities."

The purpose of the Community Early Childhood Councils is to bring local people together to assess the unique needs of each early childhood community and build upon current strengths and explore creative ways to meet those needs, Beshear said.

Terry Tolan, executive director of the Governor's Office of Early Childhood said the local grants will help inactive councils in rural communities by anchoring them to a strong county council and creating a regional model to revitalize or start regional councils.

"This model has been extremely successful in improving collaboration and coordination of early childhood services and partners in local communities," Tolan said.

Active councils in 105 counties across the state include community representatives from local school districts, public health departments, childcare providers, Head Start, local libraries and others.

"Local Community Early Childhood Councils are an important part of our work to improve kindergarten readiness in Kentucky," Tolan said. "Utilizing a strong regional coordinator helps each of these areas maximize local community growth, bring stakeholders together and coordinate delivery of services from birth until children enter school."

# Hopkins Co. Health Dept. Issues Restaurant Report

The following restaurant inspections were conducted by the Hopkins County Health Department April 19 through April 25.

A food service establishment must earn a minimum score of 85 with no critical violations in order to pass. Follow-up inspections of restaurants which do not meet that criteria will be conducted.

**The Homestead — 90**  
Major violation:  
•Milk out of date.  
Minor violations:  
•Lid on dumpster open  
•Scoop in sugar not properly stored  
•Various cabinets in need of cleaning  
•Improper scoop used in flour  
•Ceiling vents in need of cleaning.

**Ms. Misty's — 97**  
Minor violations:  
•Hair restraints needed  
•Various items need to be labeled.

**Melody Lanes Snack Bar — 100**  
No violations.

**Oak Grove Baptist Church — 100**  
No violations.

**Oak Ridge Retirement Center — 100**  
No violations.

**Prairie Rose Café — 100**  
No violations.

# 5 Killed In 5 Crashes In Kentucky Last Week

Five people died in five separate crashes on Kentucky roads from April 22 through April 28.

One single-fatality motor vehicle crash occurred in each of the following counties: Boyd, Daviess, Franklin, Jefferson and Wolfe. The victims in Boyd, Franklin, Jefferson and Wolfe counties were not wearing seat belts. The crashes in Boyd and Jefferson counties involved the suspected use of alcohol.

Through April 28, preliminary statistics indicate 165 people have lost their lives on Kentucky roads during 2013. This is 48 fewer than reported for this time period in 2012.

Of the 139 motor vehicle fatalities, 70 victims were not wearing seat belts. Six of the 11 motorcycle fatalities were not wearing helmets. The one ATV fatality was not wearing a helmet. One bicycle rider has been killed. Twelve pedestrians have been killed. One fatality involving an animal-drawn vehicle has been reported. A total of 32 fatalities have resulted from crashes involving the suspected use of alcohol.

As of April 28, Kentucky has had 33 days with zero highway fatalities reported during 2013.

# I-24 Welcome Center Closing For Repairs

The welcome center for westbound travelers on Interstate 24 in Christian County will close beginning Tuesday, April 30, to allow for pavement, ramp, and roadway repairs.

The closure is expected to last four weeks. Motorists should also be aware of ongoing pavement rehabilitation work along I-24 at mile points 85-93.

The rest area is at mile point 90 near the Kentucky/Tennessee line.

# D.S. School Board To Meet

A special called meeting of the Dawson Springs Board of Education will be held May 8 at 5:30 p.m. in the board room.

The regularly scheduled board meetings take place on the third Monday of each month except for June.

# AMERICA'S FAVORITE PASTIME

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# Richie Farmer Pleads Not Guilty To Charges

By Beth Musgrave  
Lexington Herald-Leader

Former Agriculture Commissioner Richie Farmer pleaded not guilty April 25 to federal charges that he misused more than \$450,000 of state money and property during his eight years as Kentucky's top agriculture official.

Farmer, a former University of Kentucky basketball player whose retired jersey hangs in Rupp Arena, appeared Thursday afternoon with his attorney, J. Guthrie True, at the federal courthouse in Lexington.

A grand jury has charged Farmer, 43, with four counts of misappropriating property and money, and one count of soliciting property to influence agriculture department business. Each charge carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

In addition, federal authorities will attempt to make Farmer repay \$450,000, the amount he allegedly took from the department. The alleged misappropriation of public funds occurred from 2008 to 2011, according to the indictment unsealed Monday.

The indictment alleges that Farmer created political jobs for close friends who performed little or no work. Those employees allegedly ran personal errands for Farmer, including building a basketball court at his Frankfort home or chauffeuring his dog, while being paid by the state.

The indictment also alleges that Farmer took state property for his own use, including electronic equipment, guns, knives, refrigerators and filing cabinets. Farmers' extended family stayed in hotel rooms that were paid for by the state during the Kentucky State Fair in 2009 and 2010, the indictment alleges.

True has said the charges

against Farmer set a "dangerous precedent" of allowing federal officials to criminalize the policies and political decisions of an elected state official.

Farmer also faces non-criminal state ethics charges in connection with alleged wrongdoing during his tenure as the state's top agriculture official.

In March, the state Executive Branch Ethics Commission charged Farmer with 42 counts of violating state ethics laws, the most ever issued by the panel against one person.

The ethics panel also charged seven others, six of whom are former or current employees of the department. The seventh is Farmer's sister, an employee of the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance.

The ethics charges against Farmer included misuse of state employees, misuse of state resources, improper use of grants and improper use of Kentucky Proud marketing funds. The ethics case remains open.

Much of the information in the indictment and in the ethics charges stem from Auditor Adam Edelen's review of the department after Farmer left office in 2012. The audit found that a "toxic culture of entitlement" permeated the department under Farmer, who was commissioner from 2004 through 2011.

Farmer ran unsuccessfully for lieutenant governor in 2011. It was during the 2011 race that many of the allegations of wrongdoing in the department surfaced.

Farmer, a Manchester native, is currently unemployed, according to True.

Federal officials have said the investigation into alleged wrongdoing at the department under Farmer's tenure is ongoing. They have declined to say if there will be other indictments.

# Friends Of LBL Receives 2012 National Award

The Land Between The Lakes Association (LBLA, Friends of LBL) has received the 2012 "Partners in Excellence Award." The association employs the interpreters and educators that work at The Homeplace, Woodlands Nature Station, and Golden Pond Planetarium.

The award is given by the Land Between The Lakes National Recreation Area.

LBLA employees plan and present interpretive programs daily, special events monthly, and group programs for school, homeschool, and other groups. Together, these educators reach more than 118,000 people. LBLA also employs the volunteer coordinator for Land Between The Lakes. In 2012, volunteers contributed more than 109,000 hours (equivalent of 52 full-time employees) collecting trash, improving trails, working on heritage restoration projects, and working at campgrounds.

Information about becoming a Friends of LBL supporter or volunteer can be found at [www.friendsofbl.org](http://www.friendsofbl.org).

"We appreciate that folks at LBL nominated us for this award," said John Ruffli, Director of LBLA. "Our staff works hard to support this diverse national recreation area."

"Land Between The Lakes Association is a true partner. They help provide high quality interpretation, environmental education, and dedicated volunteers," stated Bill Lorenz, acting area supervisor for LBL. "Because of their efforts and accomplishments, we are successful in providing the American public with the services we have been charged to provide. We feel LBLA employees truly deserve this forest service recognition for a job well done in 2012! We look forward to many more years of continued success."



RYAN CAUDILL assists Jordan Opaleck with her Earth Day project Monday, April 22, at Dawson Springs Community School.

# Gov. Beshear Signs Bill For School Children With Severe Allergic Reactions

Gov. Steve Beshear ceremonially signed House Bill 172 on April 22, a measure to encourage schools to keep emergency medication on hand for children who can suffer severe, life-threatening allergic reactions.

The legislation, sponsored by Rep. Addia K. Wuchner, of Florence, encourages schools to keep epinephrine pens on the premises. These pens are used in emergencies to inject potentially lifesaving medication if a student suffers an allergic reaction, such as to a food like peanuts.

"If this legislation can help save a child who has a life-threatening allergy, it's well worth it," Gov. Beshear said. "Whether they're at school or at home, we want kids to be safe, and to have access to medicine that can be vital in emergency situation."

"Even if you are a nurse, watching a child suffer from a life-threatening emergency is extremely frightening. I lived that nightmare several years ago as I carried our grandson into the ER in anaphylactic shock from a previously unknown food allergy," said Rep. Wuchner, who is also a nurse. "Many Kentucky children who may unknowingly suffer from food allergies are at risk of a life-threatening emergency at school. House Bill 172 provides the assurance for families and safeguard for students in Kentucky schools with known severe allergies and those with yet undiagnosed allergies that the policy, procedures and training for use of stocked epinephrine auto injectors in Kentucky schools are in place. This common-sense piece of legislation is dedicated not

only to my grandson, John Paul, but to each and every student who lives with life threatening allergies."

Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction. While rare — most people will never have an anaphylactic reaction — when they do occur, they can be life threatening. Some of the most common causes of anaphylaxis include certain drugs or foods such as peanuts, insect stings, latex, and exercise.

The symptoms of anaphylaxis may vary and can include hives, tongue swelling, vomiting, and even shock. Schoolchildren who have been diagnosed by a physician are often told to avoid foods and activities which could trigger a reaction. However, for children with a history of serious allergic reaction, always having an epinephrine injector pen available is important; it could save a life.

Children with a food allergy diagnosis are likely already carrying epinephrine pens to school. However, this legislation will help schools be prepared for situations where a child is unknown to have an allergy or has lost or misplaced or is otherwise unable to get to one they normally carry. Rep. Wuchner has worked with many stakeholders including the Department for Public Health.

The Department will provide assurance of consistent local health department protocols and administration training if so requested by the local school districts. The local health departments are always ready to collaborate with local practitioners and school districts to care for Kentucky's school children.

# Birding Bonanza Hosted By LBL's Nature Station

Bird lovers are invited to Woodlands Nature Station at Land Between The Lakes National Recreation Area for a Birding Bonanza on Saturday, May 11. The day's activities will include guided walks, learning to identify common birds, getting tips on attracting birds to the backyard, a scavenger hunt, along with face to face encounters with nature station's birds, and more. All programs are free with nature station admission.

"If you like birds, Birding Bonanza is the day for you!" said nature station naturalist, Carrie Szwed. "We will be celebrating International Migratory Bird Day, the annual holiday on the second Satur-

day of May that honors earth's most amazing international travelers, the migratory birds."

Programs and times focused on learning all about birds are:

- 9 a.m.: Early Bird Walk
- Ongoing: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Backyard Bird Scavenger Hunt
- 11a.m.: Totally Turkeys
- 1:30 p.m.: Watching Warblers: How to Identify Common Warblers
- 3 p.m.: Who's in My Bird Box?

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# Gatton Academy Is Named Among Nation's Top Performing Schools

The Carol Martin Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science in Kentucky has been named to The Washington Post's list of top-performing schools with elite students for the fifth consecutive year.

Since 1998, educational columnist Jay Mathews has ranked Washington-area public high schools using the Challenge Index, this measure of how effectively a school prepares its students for college. The Post has since expanded its research and rankings to high schools across the United States. This year, The Washington Post recognized more than 1,900 schools from across the country.

The Challenge Index is designed to recognize

schools that challenge average students. Twenty-four top-performing schools including the Gatton Academy were excluded from the regular list of well performing schools because, as the newspaper states, "their admissions and standardized tests indicate they have few or no average students." Instead, these specialized schools are named to the top performing schools with elite students list.

The Gatton Academy once again found itself among the nation's 24 most distinguished high schools, including many with emphases in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Schools such as the Illinois Math Science Academy, North Caro-

lina School of Science and Mathematics and Thomas Jefferson High School (Virginia) make perennial appearances on the top performing schools with elite students list.

Dr. Tim Gott, director of the Gatton Academy, noted how Academy students can compete academically with students from some of the top schools in the United States.

"Being on The Washington Post's list of top-performing schools with elite students once again confirms that Kentucky students are on par with outstanding students from all across the U.S.," Gott said. "Over the past few years, our students have interacted with many of the listed schools in student research conferences and other leadership programs. In these interactions, we have come to realize that our students are among the best from around the country. Kentucky can be very proud that its academy is contributing strongly to the intellectual capacity of our nation."

The Washington Post's recognition drew attention to the strategic partnership between the Gatton Academy and Western Kentucky University, which facilitates all coursework for academy students. As part of the rigorous curriculum, students earn more than 60 hours of college credit during their four semesters in the program while also earning a high school diploma.

Dr. Julia Roberts, executive director of the Gatton Academy, praised WKU's longstanding commitment to the program.

"Students, faculty and staff of the Gatton Academy and Western Kentucky University are thrilled with this recognition of academic excellence," Roberts said. "It is a testament to the capacity of Kentucky's young people to achieve at the highest levels when the learning ceiling is removed."

Chad Phillips, assistant director of admission and external relations, added that the Gatton Academy serves as an extension of every school district in the commonwealth.

"The great thing about this honor is that it reflects the partnership that the Gatton Academy has with all of the high schools across the state," Phillips said. "This recognition elevates the amazing students that come from across the commonwealth. Every school represented at the academy shares in this accolade."

Since the program's inception in 2007, students have been admitted from 110 of Kentucky's 120 counties. In all, students from more than 190 public high schools across the state have enrolled in the program.



TRUDY HENDRICKSON (left), Dawson Springs preschool teacher decked out in her firefighting apparel, listens as volunteer fireman Daniel Kovach (right) speaks to the preschool children about the gear she is wearing while assistant fire chief Bo Hester listens.

## Tuition Increases Capped For Kentucky Colleges

By Linda B. Blackford  
Lexington Herald-Leader

The Council on Postsecondary Education will limit tuition increases at state schools to 3 percent next fall, the smallest uptick in 15 years.

The decision was made to help families struggling to pay for college, officials said, but they acknowledged the move will create a nearly \$30 million shortfall for schools still reeling from state cutbacks over the past few years.

Council President Robert King said the increase would generate \$31.5 million for state schools, about half of the estimated \$61.4 million increase in fixed costs — utilities, retirement contributions, health insurance and other mandatory payments — for higher education across the state.

The University of Kentucky has already approved a 3 percent tuition increase, but Western Kentucky University is seeking a 5 percent increase. In March, Western President Gary Ransdell said anything less than 5 percent could mean cuts and layoffs at the Bowling Green school. Ransdell was not immediately available for comment Thursday.

The University of Louisville and Eastern Kentucky University have not yet made tuition recommendations, spokesmen said Thursday. However, ECU is already working to cut and reallocate nearly \$23 million of its budget, which is expected to result in program and personnel cuts.

"I appreciate the CPE's interest in keeping tuition affordable; I share it. However, given a 3 percent cap will not cover even fixed and unavoidable cost increases, part of what we were hoping to go toward strategic reallocation will have to fill that hole," ECU President Doug Whitlock said.

Morehead State University President Wayne Andrews said he had hoped the Morehead Board of Regents would have more flexibility in how it shapes next year's budget.

"We can manage it, but it will cause us to make further adjustments because of increases in fixed costs," Andrews said.

Last year, the council allowed UK and U of L to increase tuition by up to 6 percent. Regional universities were allowed to raise tuition by 5 percent and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System raised rates by 4 percent.

In a statement after the council's Thursday meeting, King issued a challenge to state legislators: "It is clear that if Kentucky wants a healthy and vibrant economy, it can only do so with a well-educated work force. We are hopeful our elected officials will find a way to reinvest in higher education."

However, state lawmakers have shown little appetite to find more state revenue for higher education. For example, no action has been taken on a 2012 task force report suggesting major changes to Kentucky's tax code.

King said the decision to cap tuition increases at 3 percent was made by the council after numerous conversations with stakeholders.

"The council tried to make the best decision it could that's sensitive to families and to campuses," he said. "The campuses are doing more with less. It is a terrible balancing act."

In a statement Thursday, Gov. Steve Beshear congratulated the council's decision, saying it "will help to keep college education within reach for more Kentucky families."

The council will vote to approve college tuition increase proposals at its June 20 meeting.

## Cuts In Federal Spending Mean Reduced Mammoth Cave Services

By Robyn L. Minor  
The Daily News,  
Bowling Green

Despite cutbacks at Mammoth Cave National Park, there still are plenty of opportunities for the more than 500,000 people who visit the park annually.

"Except for our heaviest days, most people will be able to get a cave tour," park superintendent Sarah Craighead told board members of the Barren River Area Development District who gathered Monday at the park for their monthly meeting.

As part of complying with federal automatic spending cuts, the park did, at least for now, eliminate the Grand Avenue and Snowball tours, but that still leaves nine other tours. Craighead said making reservations is the best way to

ensure visitors get the tours they want.

Other cuts at the park have been made to supply purchases, travel and overtime. Four vacant positions have not been filled, and 11 seasonal employees won't be hired this year. Craighead said she will have to find additional cuts. It was first thought reductions needed to total \$316,000, but on Monday she learned it needed to be \$324,000.

Still, the cuts should not be noticeable to visitors, she said.

It's important to keep visitors satisfied because their impact is broader than in just the park. Between what visitors spend at the park and in the area and what Mammoth Cave National Park spends to support operations and for the salaries of its employees, the park has an annual eco-

nomc impact of about \$33 million in the region, Craighead said.

The park just finished a very busy spring break season.

"We had 44,000 people in 17 days," assistant superintendent Bruce Powell said.

Normally, the season is at least a week longer, but spring breaks across the country are closer together than in previous years.

Last year, 401,000 people toured the cave and an additional 107,000 visitors participated in other park activities such as biking, hiking, camping and horseback riding.

Craighead said the sequester did not impact the funding for maintenance and other project work that had been scheduled. This summer, there will be parking for more horse trailers added to the trailhead at Maple Springs and an 8-mile mountain bike trail will be constructed at Big Hollow.

There also are plans for mountain bike trails to be added around nearby Nolin Lake. With both trail systems in the same vicinity, Craighead said they should make the area more of a destination for mountain bikers.

Other work planned includes some upgrades to the elevator.

"When something takes you down 260 feet into the ground, you want it to work properly," Craighead said. "It had become somewhat unreliable."

The utilities that are now run through the elevator shaft will be moved and the inside of the shaft will be coated to prevent water leaching.

Craighead said the repairs will allow the park to once again offer tours with more accessibility for those people who can't take stairs.



DESPITE the light rain Saturday morning, April 27, Tracy Overby (left) and Kathy Kelley took part in the Relay for Life walk in downtown Dawson Springs.

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# Jennings Attends Dedication

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Even in politics, Dawson Springs is never far from Jennings’ mind. There have been many moments in politics when he has wondered what the people in his hometown would think about something. “I still call Dawson Springs home,” he said. “I care very much about what happens to Dawson Springs and the people I grew up with. I’m better for growing up here.”



SCOTT JENNINGS speaks to a group of students at a Career Day program at Dawson Springs High School on Friday, March 22.

# State Gasoline Prices Have Risen

Average retail gasoline prices in Kentucky have risen 2.5 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.49 per gallon Sunday, according to GasBuddy’s daily survey of 2,623 gas outlets in Kentucky. This compares with the national average that has decreased 1.6 cents per gallon in the past week to \$3.49 per gallon. Gas prices in Dawson Springs Tuesday were \$3.59 a gallon, 15 cents higher than one week ago. Including the change in gas prices in Kentucky during the past week, prices Sunday were 24 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 12.7 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has decreased 13.3 cents per gallon during the past month and stands 32.2 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago. “The party at the pump with the seasonally lower prices may be temporarily over,” said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. “We’ve seen situations unfold that have caused a reversal in the downward trend, and those situations are multiplying across portions of the U.S. and Canada. Along the West Coast, supply has grown tight and will lead to likely increases; and in the Great Lakes, prices may spike 10 to 20 cents a gallon in the next two days in over a half dozen states as a result of a similar situation. Refineries are finishing what was an extensive maintenance season and with plant restarts commencing, problems may develop, putting pressure on prices.”

# Local Man Pleads Guilty

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TONY MAY (left) and Joseph Loney place a sign at the intersection of South Main Street and Arcadia Avenue in Dawson Springs Wednesday, April 24.

photo by Charlie Beshears



GREG HOLT trims an area near the well where the former Hamby Hotel stood on South Main Street.

# Local Residents Answer Challenge

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According to Zaparanick, the food bank will also receive some funding from the National Council of Knights of Columbus at a later date. “As a member of DAPS, I want to thank the community,” she said.

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ABOUT TOWN By Scott

# There's No Doubt About It Now

If there was any doubt before, there is absolutely no doubt now. We know what kind of men and women we have sent to Washington, D.C. to represent us.

These good folks, due to their inaction and/or inability to take action, allowed \$85 billion in what's known as sequestration cuts to take effect March 1.

This thing called sequestration was created to try to prod Congress to make cuts, and/or tax increases to bring our nation's budget closer to balance. When this grand idea was thought about, nobody in either party thought it would come to pass because it was such a stupid idea. It would cause across the board reductions in government spending that everyone thought was horrible and would be a politically perilous idea.

Those are probably all the reasons it actually did come to pass.

However, the one thing the sequester did not touch was the salaries and benefits given to the very people who would allow this to happen — the members of Congress.

Oh, but then the unthinkable happened! There was a part of this stupid sequester which would affect the illustrious ones. There was a chance that because of this thing called sequester, our so very important members of Congress just might have to sit on a tarmac at some airport because of the furloughs of air traffic controllers.

Without the controllers there would be many flight delays and flights canceled.

The illustrious ones could not allow this to come to pass — especially since they were all headed home on vacation.

In near record time, a bipartisan bill took shape and passed both houses of Congress which would enable the Federal Aviation Administration to avoid controller furloughs.

And that's the kind of folks we have in Washington, D.C. They work well together and in a speedy matter — when it's something that affects them personally.

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The 139th Kentucky Derby will be run Saturday at Churchill Downs in Louisville.

Here are several facts about the race and the venue from kentuckyderby.com. Some of these are well known and some of are rather obscure...

- 120,000 Mint Juleps will be served Saturday at Churchill Downs
- 7,800 liters of bourbon will be consumed along with 425,00 cans of beer
- All this food will be consumed...
- 142,000 hot dogs
- 18,000 barbecue sandwiches
- 13,800 pounds of beef
- 9,700 pounds of chicken
- 32,400 jumbo shrimp
- 9,000 scallops
- 8,000 pounds of potatoes
- 1,892 sheets of Derby Pies
- 30,000 cookies
- 300,000 strawberries

A few facts about the people surrounding the horses...

- The record attendance was 164,858 in 2011
- 2,000 media credentials have been issued
- 180 tons of trash will be cleaned up by approximately 500 workers and volunteers
- The oldest jockey to win the Derby was Bill Shoemaker, 54, who won aboard Ferdinand in 1986
- Shoemaker rode 26 Derby horses, the most in history
- The youngest jockey to win was Alonzo "Lonnie" Clayton, 15, who won aboard Azra in 1892
- Jockeys Eddie Arcaro and Bill Hartack each rode five Derby winners, the most victories by a jockey

These are some facts about the money surrounding the horses...

- \$165.2 million on- and off-track was wagered on Derby Day in 2011 which included \$112 million on the Kentucky Derby alone
- \$135.3 million (81.9 percent) of that was paid to customers with winning tickets in 2011
- 155,000 Derby programs are printed
- Since 1908, 33.7 percent of favorites have won the Derby

These are some facts about the horses...

- 104 Kentucky Derby winners were born in Kentucky
- 40 fillies have run in the Derby with three winning
- 22 winners led from gate to wire
- 11 Derby winners have sired Derby winners
- 8 lengths is the most decisive winning margin, done four times
- 1:59 2/5 is the fastest time in Kentucky Derby history run by Secretariat in 1973

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Cinco de Mayo is Sunday. For those who don't speak Spanish, it simply means the fifth of May.

Many people mistakenly believe this is the Mexican Independence Day. That event is commemorated on Sept. 16.

Cinco de Mayo actually commemorates the Mexican army's 1862 victory over France at the Battle of Puebla during the Franco-Mexican War (1861-1867).

It is a relatively minor holiday in Mexico. However, in the United States it has evolved into a celebration of Mexican culture and heritage.

So happy Cinco de Mayo Sunday. Celebrate by going to a Mexican restaurant. If you are going to celebrate with a margarita, you'll have to celebrate on Cuatro de Mayo.

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Question: How can you drop a raw egg onto a concrete floor without cracking it?

Answer: Any way you want. Concrete floors are very hard to crack.

Question: How can a man go eight days without sleeping?

Answer: No problem, he sleeps at night.



## COMMENTARY

# Safe Driving Is Concern For All

By Stephen Gray Wallace  
Senior advisor for policy, research and education  
Students Against Destructive Decisions

Prom and graduation season, the Fourth of July, and summer vacation give pause to parents of teenagers everywhere. Why? Because celebration paired with newfound freedom can trigger tragedy on our roads and highways.

Indeed, young people themselves report that these times of year are the most dangerous when it comes to driving. And alcohol and other drugs are primary reasons.

According to new research from SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) and Liberty Mutual Insurance, 23 percent of teens admit to driving under the influence of alcohol, marijuana or other drugs. With 13 million driving-aged teenagers, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, that means as many as 3 million impaired adolescents may be taking to the road.

Ironically, most teens (91 percent) consider themselves to be safe, cautious drivers. For example, nearly 40 percent claim that alcohol has no impact on their driving. Some even say it helps. And when it comes to operating a motor vehicle under the influence of marijuana, a whopping 75 percent feel the same way.

Specifically, about one in four teens who have driven under the influence of marijuana (25 percent) or prescription drugs (23 percent), and about one in seven teens who report drinking and driving (14 percent), say they're not distracted "at all" when mixing substance use with driving.

This cavalier attitude toward driving under the influence is made more somber in light of recent data from the Governors Highway Safety Association which found an alarming 19 percent increase in the number of teen driver deaths (ages 16 and 17) in the first half of 2012.

"The end of the school year and the summer months are exciting times for teens, but they are also the most dangerous," says Dave Melton, a driving safety expert with Liberty Mutual Insurance and managing director of global safety. "A celebratory toast can quickly lead to serious consequences down the line. These new data illustrate that there is clearly a strong need to increase the level of education around risk. More importantly, it's a flag for parents to make sure they talk to their kids regularly about the importance of safe driving behavior."

His thoughts are echoed by SADD.

"Parents play an incredibly important role in communicating expectations to their teen drivers, enforcing consequences for ignoring family driving rules, and setting a good example be-

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OTHER EDITORS

# Age Change Means Hard Work

The Jefferson County Board of Education adopted a resolution Monday that supports a new mandate requiring school attendance until age 18. This puts them in line for a \$10,000 grant from the Kentucky Department of Education, which is trying to push districts across the state to take advantage of a new state law. In districts that adopt a local policy this summer, the higher dropout age will be enforced beginning July 1, 2015.

The small grants to local districts might convey the philosophy of state education officials. Yes, money talks, but consider a district like Christian County, where the school board oversees a \$76 million budget. A \$10,000 grant is probably not enough incentive to convince board members to jump quickly onto a new district policy.

We believe the local district should adopt a higher dropout age because it's the right thing to do for students and for our state's economy, not because the district could qualify for a \$10,000 grant. Kentucky's dropout age has been 16 for nearly 100 years.

A higher dropout age sets a modern standard that requires school districts to re-evaluate how children are educated and how to reach students who might otherwise leave school before graduation. Increasing the educational level of the state could also boost our economic standing.

Public schools are under great pressure to improve instruction and wrestle results out of students, some of whom don't seem motivated to learn. Sometimes their parents don't even seem motivated to help their children succeed.

Public education is one of the most scrutinized institutions in the United States today. Teachers and administrators have some of the most difficult jobs in our country.

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## LOOKING BACK

# 10, 25 & 50 Years Ago

**10 Years Ago**  
(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, May 1, 2003.)  
The Panther boys had six first place finishers and scored 43 team points in a tri-team meet Tuesday at McLean County. The Panther girls scored 36 points, as the 400-meter relay team won its event and Holli Martin captured the 300-meter hurdles.  
Softball Panthers pick up a 22-0 win at Providence.

John Kaleb Gamble was born Tuesday, April 22, at the Regional Medical Center in Madisonville. He weighed six pounds and five ounces.  
The funeral for Rachel Bruce Baucum, 79, was held Wednesday, April 30, at Beshear Funeral Home.  
The funeral for William Leslie "Buddy" Miller, 79, was held Friday afternoon, April 25, at Beshear Funeral Home.

**25 Years Ago**  
(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, May 5, 1988.)  
The old railroad water tower near where the depot stood west of the South Main Street bridge was torn down this week.  
Stephen Michael Davis was born Saturday, April 16, at Franklin Square Hos-

pital, Edgewood, Md. He weighed seven pounds and one ounce.  
The baseball Panthers won four straight as hitters produced 47 runs.  
Services for Byron P. Purdy, 62, will be held this afternoon at two o'clock at Beshear Funeral Home.  
Services were held for Delindle (Sam) Camplin, 54, Wednesday afternoon at Gilliland Ridge Church at St. Charles.

**50 Years Ago**  
(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, May 2, 1963.)  
Bill Don Cotton Jr. was born Sunday, April 28, in the Hopkins County Hospital in Madisonville. He weighed six pounds and nine ounces.  
Pamela Hope Clark celebrated her fifth birthday on Saturday, April 6, at the home of her parents.  
A birthday party was held Saturday afternoon, April 20, for Sterling Wallace's seventh birthday and Suzanne Wallace's fifth birthday.  
Funeral services were held for Mrs. Velva Gertha Hopkins, 61, Sunday afternoon at the Beshear Funeral Home.  
Funeral services will be held for Frank Cavanaugh, 66, this afternoon at two o'clock at Beshear Funeral Home.

## MOMENTS IN TIME




- On May 1, 1926, Ford Motor Company becomes one of the first companies in America to adopt a five-day, 40-hour week. In early 1914, Ford had announced it would pay workers a minimum wage of \$5 per eight-hour day, upped from a previous rate of \$2.34 for nine hours.
- On April 30, 1939, the New York World's Fair opens in New York City on a 1,200-acre site at Flushing Meadow Park in Queens. Among the new technology exhibited was FM radio, robotics, fluorescent lighting and a crude fax machine.
- On May 3, 1946, in Tokyo, the International Military Tribunals begins hearing the case against 28 Japanese military and government officials accused of committing war crimes during World War II. The trial ended with 25 of 28 Japanese defendants being found guilty. Of the three other defendants, two had died during the trial, and one was declared insane.
- On May 5, 1955, the Federal Republic of Germany (West Germany) becomes a sovereign state when the United States, France and Great Britain end their military occupation, which had begun in 1945. With this action, West Germany was given the right to rearm and become a full-fledged member of the western alliance against the Soviet Union.
- On May 2, 1964, an explosion of a charge assumed to have been placed by Viet Cong terrorists sinks the USNS Card at its dock in Saigon. No one was injured and the ship was eventually raised and repaired. The Card had arrived in Saigon two days earlier.
- On May 4, 1970, at Kent State University in Ohio, students protesting the Vietnam War torch the ROTC building on campus, and Ohio Gov. James Rhodes called in the National Guard to restore order. The Guardsmen fired into the crowd, killing four and wounding 11. They were later brought to trial for the shootings, but found not guilty.
- On April 29, 1986, in a game against the Seattle Mariners at Fenway Park, Roger Clemens of the Boston Red Sox becomes the first pitcher in Major League Baseball to strike out 20 batters in a nine-inning game. Ten years later, Clemens repeated the feat.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Vets Need Better Care

Dear Editor,

According to the VFW Commander in Chief, the number one complaint from veterans is the huge backlog of service connected disabilities and the accuracy of the ratings decisions. This is

nothing new. This backlog has been going on for years now.

The VFW is also deeply concerned about the impact sequestration will have on the VA and the defense budgets. We don't hesitate to send our troops wherever they are needed to defend our freedom. We need to do

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# Age Change

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try. But school boards and administrators in Kentucky cannot ignore this opportunity to explore innovations in the classroom. We have to find ways to keep children in school until they earn a degree.

It's going to be hard work. As Jefferson County school board member David Jones Jr. said earlier this week, "Just because we change the rule, we won't create a different result. But if we don't change the rule, we can't create a different result."

School districts cannot carry this load alone. That's why we are encouraged by the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce's new foundation to encourage innovative practices in classrooms.

The Fund for Transforming Education in Kentucky starts with two grants from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The combined value is \$3 million. One grant will create networks

for teachers to share their best ideas for improving student learning outcomes.

The other grant will encourage collaboration among teachers in core subjects. These include math and science.

Billy Harper, a Paducah businessman who is chairing The fund, compared this to research and development in the private sector.

He said, "... we think our goal of providing seed money for break-through ideas will have appeal to the many folks and organizations who want to help further transform education in Kentucky."

One transformation should occur in programs that boost graduation rates. This will require innovation and higher expectations. The school board and local educators need to know the community expects this and wants to support their good work. And the community needs to hear how the district is preparing for these changes.

—Kentucky New Era



FISHING below the Mill Dam Monday, April 8, are Abby Coy (left) and Halyn Burden while Doyle Nelson watches.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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a better job of taking care of those veterans when they return instead of placing them on long waiting lists when they have needs. Our veterans merit better treatment than they are receiving.

Richard Chiodo  
Dawson Springs

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## Cemetery Needs Help

Dear Editor,

Mowing season is upon us, and once again we are in need of funds to pay for the mowing of Liberty Baptist Church Cemetery.

As we all know, with the economy in its current state, we are not receiving enough interest to keep the cemetery up to standards. It is my belief that we owe our respect to our loved ones to keep their final resting place as beautiful as we can.

There are also many issues besides mowing that need to be addressed. If you would like to help by donating to the mowing fund or by working in the cemetery, please contact Sharon Darnall or Dorothy McKinney, 365-7905.

It is our prayer that the Lord will bless you while you respect your loved ones with a beautiful environment in which to rest in peace. Please make checks out to Liberty Baptist Church Cemetery, fund for mowing. Donations may be sent to one of the following: Fifth Third Bank, 418 Newman Circle, Eddyville, KY 42038; Sharon Darnall, 27 Leroy, Princeton, KY 42445; or Dorothy McKinney, 759 St. Rt. 818, Princeton, KY 42445.

Dorothy McKinney  
Princeton

## Eastern Kentucky 4-H'er Creates Emergency Kits

By Aimee Nielson

A little more than a year after tragic twisters tore through Eastern Kentucky, a 4-H member from one of the affected counties is using her experiences to rally others to prepare for future disasters.

Courtney Rowland is a junior at Morgan County High School. She's also a member of the Kentucky 4-H State Teen Council. The tornado propelled her to create preparedness kits for children and their families, so they would be better prepared for any disaster.

"It hit around 6:30 p.m., and I didn't sleep that whole night," she said. "My brother brought up pictures of West

Liberty on Facebook, and it was traumatizing because my hometown was just destroyed. Pictures of the church in rubble... nothing but rubble... the bank just ripped to pieces... the place I went to daycare destroyed. The extension office was my home away from home, and there was nothing left. That was the hardest thing for me; I was there an hour before it got hit."

Rowland said she and her family got up early the next morning and went to town to see what they could do. She began working at makeshift shelters packing water, sorting clothes and serving food. She said she was fortunate enough to keep her home, but a lot of people weren't.

## Safe Driving Is Concern

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hind the wheel," says Penny Wells, SADD's president and CEO, who points to Liberty Mutual's Parent/Teen Driving Contract and SADD's Contract for Life as effective conversation starters for parents and their teen drivers.

The good news is that more than 90 percent of teens say their school has a program or policy in place to deter illegal behavior, the most common being security guards or police. Addition-

ally, the use of breathalyzers at school events is up nearly 25 percent. Yet, while school programs play an important role in keeping teens from engaging in dangerous activities, unsupervised celebrations make parent communication about safe driving more critical than ever.

If teens really believe there are no adverse consequences from driving impaired, we have our work cut out for us ... lest many more families become shattered from injury and death.

She said what struck her most was the disconnect among families—not knowing where loved ones were or how to reach them. She wanted to make sure people were more prepared if something like that ever happened again.

Morgan County Cooperative Extension Service 4-H youth development agent Kim Cox said Rowland came up with a program all on her own.

"We've always looked for projects that allow us to give back as much as possible to the community," Cox said. "But things that are teen-driven are more effective—my ideas never carry out as well as things the teens come up with. To see Courtney take this and not even need my assistance is so honorable."

Rowland compiled resources, such as checklists, emergency contact information sheets, coloring books and basic supplies, put together a disaster preparedness kit and then presented the idea to the Kentucky 4-H State Teen Council.

"Being part of the state teen council, I got to propose a project that I thought would work well for the group," she said. "(The tornado) hit a mile from my house. I had no idea what to do and no one in my family did either. People lost their

lives, because they were not prepared. I wanted to design a program for kids if they were home alone, or even if they were with their families, if something like that happens again. I think being prepared makes things a little less scary."

The teen council adopted Rowland's idea, and members will present disaster preparedness programs in their home counties this year.

Her first go at presenting the information was in early April at the 2013 4-H Teen Summit, where she gave the presentation three times to interested middle school students. Each student received a large, empty coffee container and learned how to assemble a small disaster preparedness kit inside it.

Rowland said the kit is not just for tornadoes; families can use them to prepare for other disasters like floods, ice storms, etc. She believes the presentations will at least start conversations that could save lives and help people deal with whatever life brings.

"People don't want to talk about it (the tornadoes), but I think talking makes it better," she said. "West Liberty is rebuilding. It will never be the same, but hopefully, it will come back bigger and better."

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This is the January 1, 2013, assessment on which state, county and school taxes for 2013 will be due about October 1, 2013.

Any taxpayer desiring to appeal an assessment on real property made by the PVA must first request a conference with the PVA or a designated deputy. The conference may be held prior to or during the inspection period.

Any taxpayer still aggrieved by an assessment on real property, after the conference with the PVA or designated deputy, may appeal to the county Board of Assessment Appeals.

The taxpayer can appeal his assessment by filing in person or sending a letter or other written petition stating the reasons for appeal, identifying the property and stating the taxpayer's opinion of the fair cash value of the property.

A taxpayer failing to appeal to the county Board of Assessment Appeals, or failing to appear before the Board, either in person or by designated representative, will not be eligible to appeal directly to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

Appeals of personal property assessment shall not be made to the county Board of Assessment Appeals. Personal property taxpayers shall be served notice under the provisions of KRS 132.450(4) and shall have the protest and appeal rights granted under the provisions of KRS 131.110.

The following steps should be taken when a taxpayer does not agree with assessed value of personal property as determined by the Property Valuation Administrator.

- 1.) He must list under protest (for certification) what he believes to be the fair cash value of his property.
- 2.) He must file a written protest directly with the Department of Revenue, Office of Property Valuation Within 30 days from the date of the notice of assessment.
- 3.) This protest must be in accordance with KRS 131.110.
- 4.) The final decision of the Department of Revenue may be appealed to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

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# American Club Ball: ‘Sure Ain’t Cricket, Is It Mate?’

## SPORTS IN KENTUCKY



BOB WATKINS

Kid standing at the front door was nervous. Big blue eyes shining out from under a shock of ginger hair, he stepped forward. Was 12 years old and serene place it used to be.

Soon, I dragged a duffel bag of bats, a few balls and gloves from my car trunk (boot), Richard and his six pals insisted on carrying them as we walked to the Common. They fussed at first on who would get a hand glove, then asked what to do with it. “Do ya put one on each hand then?” a kid asked.

Was ripe summertime in Woodford. Here was a little band of English boys at Woodford, Northamptonshire gathered round an American, each enthralled with the equipment and American Club Ball, uh, baseball. Having played cricket, Richard and his pals soon mastered how to swing a club, er, bat at the ball. They loved the gloves too, banging their fists into them, and naturally they had to be taught how to “spit into the pocket real good then rub it in.”

Smashing good time, those golden evenings on the Common with little Brits trying to play baseball. One kid who insisted on calling it Club Ball was asked to explain what he meant. “Well, ya hit the ball with the club, raaah-et?

Then ya makes a run for it, raaah-et? Wait a minute! Me runs to where exactly?”

Richard and his mates would return to my door often for awhile, asking if I could “come out and play.”

Baseball, huh?

Good memories come round when April chill gives way to May. Major League Baseball takes its traditional place as our national Pastime and we begin the journey of following our teams to Fourth of July, the all-star break on to September and October.

Richard described our game with a simple English eloquence that would never occur to Americans, but stayed on with me so that I might share with you.

“This Baseball game is hard, isn’t it?” he said. “Tryin’ ta hit a round thing that’s three inches across and while its thrown as hard as the bowler can fling it. Then ya try and hit it with a stick that’s also round. Sure ain’t cricket, is it, mate?”

Never knew what happened to the kid with blue eyes and ginger colored hair. But, I left Richard a ball, glove and of course, a club.

I love baseball. Weather starting to warm (even in Denver) with onset of May. Hitters gather their

timing, pitchers find a rhythm and corners of the plate.

I love baseball in particular this week because, 25 games into the 162-game run, my favorite team is playing superbly and had climbed first place after the weekend.

Watching the Pittsburgh Pirates hit four home runs at Busch Stadium in St. Louis Sunday afternoon got me thinking — wonder how Richard would react to the color and pageantry and roar of a crowd of 50,000-plus? And, what would he have said about the Pirates ‘clubbing’ four home runs? America. I love this place.

opened up. Did anyone else think Archie Goodwin’s leaving Kentucky brought to mind these things.

- Latest example of high school graduate with no interest in college should have been able to exercise his civil right to join the work force immediately. In Goodwin’s case, the NBA developmental league.
- UK would have had a scholarship for a student-athlete who wanted to be in college.
- Saved fans the aggravation and money spent on an overpriced Goodwin jersey for little Johnny.

### Just wondering dept.

√ Seems to me, Rick Pitino highly legible and handsome tattoo burned into his back is sort of like Gwyneth Paltrow (World’s Most Beautiful Woman for 2013, says People Magazine), wearing a burqa?

Postscript: Kudos to tattoo-ist Adam Potts of Tattoo Salvation on Bardstown Road who, in a turnaround, hustled a ball coach for advertising and his own 15 minutes of fame.

√ The NBA draft deadline to withdraw was April 28. As of Sunday 43 college scholarships

### Worth repeating dept

A reader wrote: “...is the most overused/over killed adjectives (used) by sports reporters (the word) fantastic?”

Comment: No, fantastic is still second. Deprived of the word GREAT, Jimmy Dykes, Jay Bilas and a host of others would be bewildered and unable to complete a sentence. Too, without the g-word, Dick Vitale would’ve been looking for a real job 20 years ago.

And so it goes.

You can reach Bob Watkins at [sprtsinky@aol.com](mailto:sprtsinky@aol.com).

# Best Fishing Time Of Year For Bluegill, Sunfish

By Art Lander, Jr.

Early May in Kentucky is not only a good time to set out tomato plants in backyard gardens, but it’s the start of the best fishing of the year for bluegill and redear sunfish.

When water temperatures approach 70 degrees, these two native sunfish species move into the shallows of ponds, small lakes and large reservoirs in preparation for spawning.

“If I was to pick a time here it would be the second week in May,” said Paul Rister, western district fishery biologist for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, who manages fish populations in Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley.

Both lakes support excellent populations of the sunfish species. “When they are spawning, generally the redear sunfish will be out from the banks in a little deeper water than the bluegills,” said Rister.

Anglers should try to time their fishing trips to coincide with rising or stable lake levels. “By the time bluegills and redears go on the bed, both lakes are usually stable at summer pool,” said Rister. The ideal fishing area is a shallow embayment that has flooded vegetation on the mudflats, close to gravel shores.

Rister said meal worms and crickets are the preferred live baits for redear sunfish, while red worms and crickets

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are tops for bluegills.

The recommended strategy for both species is suspending the bait under a float. “Redears want the bait close to the bottom, with as little weight (split shot) on the line as possible,” said Rister.

Bluegill strike bait suspended a little shallower than redears, along weed lines. Light wire, long-shank hooks in size #8 or #10 are recommended for both species.

These sunfish spawn in colonies, their saucer-shaped nests clustered together. Spawning can continue into June, if water conditions are ideal.

The redear sunfish (*Lepomis microlophus*) is commonly called the “shellcracker” because it likes to feed on mussels, snails and insects on the bottom. A special plate of teeth in the back of the fish’s throat enables them to crush shells. The preferred habitat for redear sunfish is clear water where rooted aquatic vegetation often grows.

On Aug. 27, 2004, the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission voted to give the redear sunfish sport fish status, and protected populations from overharvest by creating a statewide 20-fish daily creel limit.

Other Kentucky waters that support quality populations of redear sunfish include Beaver Lake in Anderson County, Elmer Davis Lake in Owen County, McNeeley Lake in Jefferson County and Pan Bowl Lake in Breathitt County.

The bluegill (*Lepomis macrochirus*) is arguably the most popular panfish in Kentucky. An abundant species that’s present in all the state’s river drainages, bluegill are easy to catch and their white flesh is sweet and firm. Bluegill thrive in ponds and small lakes across Kentucky.

Statewide, there’s no daily creel limit on bluegills, but Fishing in Neighborhoods (FINs) lakes have restrictions on the number of bluegills and redears that can be kept.

Redear sunfish and bluegill are willing strikers all day long, perfect for introducing a child or adult novice to fishing.

The license year expired Feb. 28, 2013. You’ll need to buy a new fishing license, available in the sporting goods section of department stores and tackle shops, to fish now. Licenses and permits may also be purchased online from the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife homepage at [fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov) or by calling 1-877-598-2401. The entire Spring Fishing Frenzy series will be posted at this same website for future access to these articles.

*Author Art Lander Jr. has been writing about the outdoors since the 1970s. He is a staff writer for Kentucky Afield Magazine.*

# Hunters Advised To Apply Early For Elk Hunting Permits

You don’t have to wait until midnight April 30 to apply for a Kentucky elk hunting permit. You can avoid an Internet traffic jam at the deadline by applying sooner than later at [www.fw.ky.gov](http://www.fw.ky.gov).

This year, Kentucky will issue 10 youth permits and 1,000 general quota hunt permits through a random drawing conducted by the Kentucky Commonwealth Office of Technology.

The quota hunt permit number is 105 more than last season and represents an all-time high for the state.

Elk hunts are open to Kentucky residents and those who live outside of the state.

“We have an abundance of elk, with an estimate of more than 10,000 animals in the herd,” said Tina

Brunjes, Kentucky’s deer and elk program coordinator. “We also have more private guides than ever before to help people find a place to hunt and to assist with a hunt.”

Because of the possibility of unexpected technical issues — an electrical storm interrupted the state’s ability to process online applications shortly before last year’s deadline — officials advise hunters not to wait until the last minute to apply. All applications must be completed by midnight (Eastern time) on Tuesday, April 30, to meet this year’s deadline.

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources offers four different permits for elk. These include hunting for a bull or cow elk with either a bow or firearm.

Crossbows are allowed under a bow permit.

Hunters may apply for up to two permits; the cost is \$10 for each application.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife has set a season limit of 250 bulls and 750 cow elk for the general quota hunt. The allotment includes 150 firearms permits for bulls; 460 firearms permits for cow elk; 100 archery/crossbow permits for bulls; and 290 archery/crossbow permits for cow elk. Youth hunters may take a bull or cow elk with their permit.

Last year, a Kentucky resident applying for a bull firearms permit had a 1 in 151 chance of being drawn. Residents who applied for a cow elk archery permit had a 1 in 13 chance of being drawn.

Elk hunters in Kentucky

traditionally enjoy a high success rate. Last season, for example, 89 percent of bull firearms hunters were successful. Bull archery/crossbow hunters recorded a 76 percent success rate.

Bull elk firearms seasons are held in October while cow elk firearms season are held in December. A special bull elk archery season begins in the weeks prior to the firearms hunts.

Kentucky’s 4.2 million acre elk zone is divided into five hunting areas. The state has nearly 574,000 acres of public hunting land within the elk zone. Hunters drawn for a quota hunt must apply for a hunting area assignment by July 5.

Hunters can only apply online. Visit the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website at [www.fw.ky.gov](http://www.fw.ky.gov) for more information. Results of the drawing will be posted online by the end of the day on May 10.

Brunjes notes that Kentucky is an appealing choice to those who want to experience outstanding big game hunting while keeping their expenses down.

“If you live in Kentucky or the eastern United States, it’s a lot less expensive travel wise than going out west,” she said.

“If you’re a Kentucky resident, the cost of an elk permit and hunting license is a lot less than a western hunt.”

# One In Five Fishermen Affected By Not Being Able To Use Favorite Location

The number of anglers who had to cancel a fishing trip or stop fishing a particular location last year because they lost access to a favorite fishing spot overall has not changed compared to last year. 17 percent of recreational fisherman surveyed by AnglerSurvey.com reported issues with access as opposed to 20 percent a year earlier. Despite this minor improvement, roughly one in five anglers is still being affected each year by not being able to use a favorite fishing location.

Likewise, because more anglers fish freshwater than saltwater, as well as the fact that there is more private land surrounding lakes and streams, 71 percent of reported access problems involved freshwater anglers and 24 percent involved saltwater in 2012.

Despite these challenges, 22 percent of affected anglers said they actually fished more last year than the previous year, just in a different location, and at least 32 percent reported fishing at least as much. Still, 39 percent reported fishing less frequently due to their lost access and seven percent didn’t fish at all.

“Despite the efforts and resourcefulness of some anglers to find new fishing areas after losing access to others, it is clear that such challenges are causing us to lose anglers each year,” says Rob Southwick, president of Southwick Associates, which designs and conducts the surveys at HunterSurvey.com, ShooterSurvey.com and AnglerSurvey.com.

“Whether it is due to fishery closures, closed ramps or land previously used to access a lake or stream changing hands and becoming closed to the public access remains a

persistent issue. Fisheries managers, anglers and industry need to continue working together to resolve these problems.”

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# UK, UofL Returnees Could Have Big Impacts

By MARK MATHIS  
Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer

Willie Cauley-Stein and Alex Poythress made their decisions in early April, but they hadn't really talked about why they wanted to come back for another season at the University of Kentucky until last week.

Chane Behanan had basically been told by Rick Pitino that it would be best if he returned to the University of Louisville. Behanan felt likewise, and seemed happy to come back and try for a third straight Final Four with the Cardinals.

Now, Russ Smith was a different matter. He played the "Should I Stay or Should I Go?" song more than The Clash did in its concert days.

The commonwealth paid attention until Smith finally settled, also with the help of Pitino, on coming back to UofL to try and defend a freshly-won national championship.

These four players at UK and

UofL were the most important pieces in the Who Would Declare game for their respective teams. All of them coming back is significant, because they all have the chance to make major contributions.

Smith on first glance could have the biggest impact of any of the quartet, especially if he becomes the kind of point guard that Pitino wants, and that Peyton Siva became in four years with the Cardinals.

It's been widely suggested that Smith will be the leader for national Player of the Year if he keeps transforming and improving his game the way he did heading to his junior season. How much more Smith can bend to Pitino's teaching at the point, and how much patience Pitino has in turning Smith completely into a point guard, will tell much about whether the Cardinals can defend their national championship.

Behanan reportedly put up no argument to Pitino when the coach suggested another year at the top level of college basketball would

greatly enhance Behanan's overall production.

Essentially, Behanan must become Charles Barkley full time. Not the wise-cracking Barkley of TV commentary fame. The rebounding, junk scoring Barkley who combined gerth and ability to rule around the basket.

Rebound, rebound, rebound is what Behanan has to do to be most unstoppable. All that rebounding gains UofL possessions, and gives Behanan lots of opportunities for points.

Cauley-Stein and Poythress were still getting some NBA Draft consideration, despite how UK struggled this season. It made the most sense for each player to return, since their games, especially Poythress', need more seasoning. But if there was the potential for first-round money, or a chance to go high in the second round, then they could've made the move.

Kyle Wiltjer was never billed as a one-and-done or a two-and-done, but there were rumors that he would transfer to Gonzaga

after UK's season finished melting down. He decided to stay, and should be able to go back to more of a spot-up shooter with some offensive punch off the bench for UK.

But, it is Cauley-Stein and Poythress who should have important roles on next year's squad, which will have an overwhelming level of talent, but will have to be constructed from scratch, as have all of John Calipari's UK teams.

There are six McDonald's All-Americans on the way for the Cats, and they could fill the top six spots in Calipari's rotation, based on their talent coming in.

How much improvement Cauley-Stein and Poythress make this summer will say much about how where they will fit with the Wildcats next season.

The experience Cauley-Stein gained after Nerlens Noel was lost for the season should give him a boost heading into this important five-month period. Cauley-Stein will come back with a much better

grasp of how to work in the post, and he should become a better defender inside as well.

The biggest thing Cauley-Stein could bring for UK is leadership. He has the mentality and make-up for that job, and he seemed like a very mature freshman last season.

Whether Cauley-Stein started or played off the bench, the combination of him and incoming freshman Dakari Johnson will prove difficult to match.

What Poythress can bring back is tougher to gauge. He has to learn to play hard the entire time he is on the floor, and he has to understand that power and being force inside are what he does best. Poythress, if he improves in all aspects, should add experienced depth at forward.

Frankly, it helps both UofL and UK to get these guys back for another year. Making their teams better will make for an enjoyable college basketball season in 2013-14, no matter what colors you're backing.

## Storm Sweeps Baseball Twinbill From Panthers

The Panthers dropped a doubleheader to the Hopkins County Central Storm on April 23 when they were shut out in both games, 10-0 and 6-0, in baseball action at Riverside Park. Both games went only five innings.

The Panthers' record dropped to 3-10 on the year while the Storm improved to 4-9.

In the first game the Storm made the most of six hits by scoring five runs in the third, three in the fourth and two in the fifth. The Panthers made five errors.

Jacob Adams went the distance on the mound for the Panthers. He didn't strike anyone out, gave up five walks and hit three batters while giving up eight earned runs.

The Panthers had two runners on in the second with one out but couldn't get a timely hit.

"When we had an opportunity to score, we squandered the chance," head coach Michael Lee said.

Dakota Jones had two hits while Brad Puckett and Reed Smiley each had one hit.

The second game was a make-up game from March 18 at Hopkins County Central, so the Panthers were the visiting team on the scoreboard.

The Storm scored three in the first, one in the second and three in the fourth. None of the Storm's runs were earned due to eight Panther errors.

Matt Snell pitched the complete game for the Panthers. He struck out two, walked three and only gave up four hits and no earned runs.

Puckett had a double for the Panthers in the third inning to put runners on second and third with two outs, but the next batter struck out to strand both base runners.

Snell had a two-out triple in the second but was also stranded.

"We did not play particularly well," Lee said. "We did not hit the ball and made way too many mental mistakes. Jacob and Matt had good performances on the mound."

The weather rained out the Panthers' games Friday and Saturday at Lyon County and Caldwell County.

Trigg County was scheduled to play at Riverside Park Tuesday but the score was not known at press time.

The Panthers host Fort Campbell and Butler County on Friday and Saturday, respectively, then travel to Madisonville to play North Hopkins on Monday before entertaining Webster County the next day.

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Panthers	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	5

	1	2	3	4	5	R	H	E
Panthers	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	8
Hop. Cent.	3	1	0	3	x	6	4	2



T.J. PUCKETT forces out Caldwell County's Cody Oden (18) at second base and throws to first to try to complete a double play during the second game of Monday's doubleheader in Princeton.

Todd Griffin, The Times Leader

## Panthers Drop 2 In Princeton

It would be an understatement to say the Panthers couldn't handle Caldwell County's pitching Monday at Princeton. Tiger

pitchers no-hit their visitors in 7th District baseball games while beating the Panthers 14-0 and 10-0.

The losses drop the Panthers' record to 3-12 while Caldwell County, one of the top teams in the region, improved to 14-4.

In the first game the Panther defense committed eight errors which contributed to all 14 Tiger runs. None of the 14 were earned

off junior Brad Puckett, who struck out eight, walked three, hit one batter and gave up 11 hits.

The Tigers scored four in the first, four in the third and six in the fourth to close out the game in five innings.

The only Panther base runner, in the fourth inning, reached on an error.

Tiger hurler Cody Oden struck out seven while facing the minimum number of batters thanks to a pick-off play.

In the second game it was more of the same with Tiger

pitcher Landon Burns dominating the Panthers. Burns struck out nine while not giving up a hit and walking four.

The Tigers scored four runs off Jacob Adams in the second inning and six in the third.

Adams and two relievers struck out two, walked 11, hit 3 batters but only gave up one hit. Seven of the 10 runs were earned.

The Panthers committed three errors while the Tigers committed two.

The Panthers played Trigg County at Riverside Park on

Tuesday. (The score was not known at press time.)

They host Fort Campbell and Butler County on Friday and Saturday, respectively. On Monday the Panthers travel to Madisonville to play North Hopkins and play Tuesday at Webster County.

	1	2	3	4	5	R	H	E
Panthers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Caldwell	4	0	4	6	x	14	11	1

	1	2	3	4	5	R	H	E
Panthers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Caldwell	0	4	6	0	x	10	1	2



MATT SNELL takes the throw at first base on a pickoff attempt as Caldwell County's Elijah Sindelar (right) dives back to the bag. The homestanding Tigers swept a pair of games from the Panthers.

Todd Griffin, The Times Leader



# Kentuckians Can Win iPad In Sweepstakes

Kentucky residents have another chance to win a new iPad from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) in a sweepstakes being held through Facebook in May. The contest runs from 12 a.m. on May 1, 2013, through 12 a.m. on June 1, 2013.

To enter, a Kentuckian must click on the orange graduate icon on the KHEAA Facebook page, answer one question about college, and “like” KHEAA on Facebook. KHEAA will not share or sell any personal information to a third party.

Only Kentucky residents are eligible. Employees of

KHEAA or its sister agency, the Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation (KHESLC), and their immediate family members are not eligible. Prior winners are also not eligible.

The drawing will be held in early June, and the winner will be notified by e-mail. The winner must respond by e-mail within three calendar days to receive the fourth-generation iPad. If no response is received within three days, another winner will be drawn.

To learn how to plan and prepare for higher education, go to [www.gotocollege.ky.gov](http://www.gotocollege.ky.gov).

# Gov. Signs Bill To Increase Newborn Heart Screenings

Gov. Steve Beshear held a ceremonial signing of Senate Bill 125 on April 17 at Kossair Children’s Hospital. The measure aims to improve maternal and child health in Kentucky by mandating screening of newborns for Critical Congenital Heart Disease (CCHD).

“Every baby deserves a healthy start to life,” said Gov. Steve Beshear. “Early testing for metabolic or genetic disorders means early diagnosis and treatment. This measure builds on the success of our newborn screening expansion, and is a great step forward for the health of Kentucky’s infants.”

The new law, which was sought by the American Heart Association and the Kentucky Department for Public Health, requires mandatory screening of newborns for CCHD, which is recommended for all newborns by the American College of Medical Genetics.

“Critical Congenital Heart Disease is a life-threatening condition, which requires treatment within the first year of life. Many times the condition is not detected at birth and the results can be devastating,” said Tonya Chang, director of government relations with the American Heart

Association. “Ensuring that all newborns are screened will result in early detection and the opportunity for treatment. Today, with the stroke of a pen, Gov. Beshear, Sen. Dennis Parrett and the other members of the Kentucky General Assembly become lifesavers.”

Screening for these defects is simple, low-cost and non-invasive. Approximately two-thirds of Kentucky’s birthing hospitals currently use pulse oximetry, the method used for screening of heart defects, in their nurseries.

“By streamlining newborn screenings, this legislation improves the state’s ability to intervene early and improve newborn health,” said Cabinet for Health and Family Services Secretary Audrey Tayse Haynes. “This is a win for Kentucky’s mothers and babies.”

“I am glad to see this legislation become law because it will save lives – the lives of babies,” said Sen. Dennis L. Parrett, sponsor of Senate Bill 125. “Critical congenital heart disease is the most common birth defect in the U.S. and the leading cause of birth-defect related deaths. If it is caught in time, there is a survival rate of about 85 percent. Those are good odds.”

# OBITUARIES

## Services Are Today For Marylou Bratcher

The funeral for Marylou Tucker Bratcher, 68, of Madisonville, will be held at 10:30 a.m. today at Beshear Funeral Home. Visitation is from 8 a.m. until the funeral hour.

The Rev. H.O. Wilson will officiate. Burial will be in Rosedale Cemetery.

Mrs. Bratcher died April 28, 2013, at Baptist Health Madisonville.

She was born Nov. 11, 1944, in Dawson Springs, to the late Elmo Bym Tucker and Zelpha Dillingham Tucker.

She worked for many years at Trover Clinic and also provided pastoral care at Life Christian Center.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a half sister, Linda Ann Wetherbee.

Survivors include her husband Beedie Bratcher Jr., Madisonville; two



MARYLOU BRATCHER

sons, Keith Bratcher, Fort Knox, and Lance Bratcher, Madisonville.

Pallbearers will be Earl Wayne Bratcher, Kenny Tomes, Jim Davis, Billy Bratcher, Dale Starks and Charles Haire.

Honorary pallbearers will be David Bratcher and Danny Bratcher.

## Funeral Is Held Monday For Novella Mae Lynn

The funeral for Novella Mae Lynn, 83, of Dawson Springs, was held Monday at Beshear Funeral Home.

The Rev. Robert Akers officiated. Burial was in Lafayette Cemetery.

Mrs. Lynn died April 26, 2013, at Select Specialty Hospital in Evansville, Ind.

She was born Nov. 23, 1929, in Dawson Springs, to the late Justin and Gracie Pearl Martin.

She was a housewife and a member of Landmark Apostolic Holiness Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Isaac Lynn;

three brothers, Gene Martin, John Lewis Martin and Gayle Martin; and two sisters, Roetta Jo Huddleston and Barbara Lou Martin.

Survivors include a daughter, Lana Adcock, Dawson Springs; two sons, Roger Lynn and Terry Lynn, both Dawson Springs; three sisters, Izella Martin, Annette Cummings and Bernadette Scott, all Dawson Springs; four brothers, Amon Martin, Donald Martin, Anthony Martin and Danny Martin, all Dawson Springs; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

## NAMI Will Meet Tomorrow

NAMI, a support group for family and friends of people with mental illnesses, will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. tomorrow

at St. Mary’s Episcopal Church, 163 N. Main St., Madisonville.

For information, phone Mary Poole at 824-8673.

# Poll Shows Kentuckians Lack Dental Insurance

New data from the Kentucky Health Issues Poll (KHIP) show 1.7 million Kentucky adults do not have dental insurance. In fact, the number of Kentucky adults without dental coverage is now more than 10 times the number of people who will be at Churchill Downs for Saturday’s Kentucky Derby.

“Oral health is essential to overall health,” said Dr. Susan Zepeda, President/CEO of the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky. “Yet, our research indicates a majority of Kentuckians do not have dental coverage, so it is not surprising that a large number of adults do not have a personal dentist or oral health provider.”

KHIP found:

—More than half (51%) of Kentucky adults reported having no dental insurance of any kind.

—Almost half (49%) of those without insurance skipped getting dental care or check-ups in the past year because of the cost.

—Nearly four in 10 (39%) said they do not have a personal dentist or oral health provider.

—Almost eight in 10 (79%) of those without a personal dentist or oral health provider indicated they last visited a dentist or dental clinic more than five years ago.

—Just over six in 10 (61%) of Kentucky adults reported they visited a dentist or dental clinic within the past year, compared to seven in 10 (70%) of adults nationwide.

The KHIP was funded by the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky and the Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati. The poll was conducted Sept. 20-Oct. 14, 2012, by the Institute for Policy Research at the University of Cincinnati. A random sample of 1,680 adults from throughout Kentucky was interviewed by telephone, including landlines and cell phones. The poll has a margin of error of ±2.5%.

## Journalism Hall Of Fame Inducts 5 New Members

From Kentucky Press News Service

news director at WKU Public Radio in Bowling Green.

—John Nelson, executive editor, Schurz Communications in Danville and Winchester.

—Marla Ridenour, sports columnist, Akron (Ohio) Beacon Journal.

According to a UK news release, the five new inductees join 184 other journalists inducted into the Hall of Fame since its 1981 inception. Selection of honorees is made by a committee representing the state’s media, the UK Journalism Alumni Association and the University of Kentucky. Nominees must be either Kentucky natives or outstanding journalists who have spent the bulk of their careers in the state, the release said.

## Obituary Policy

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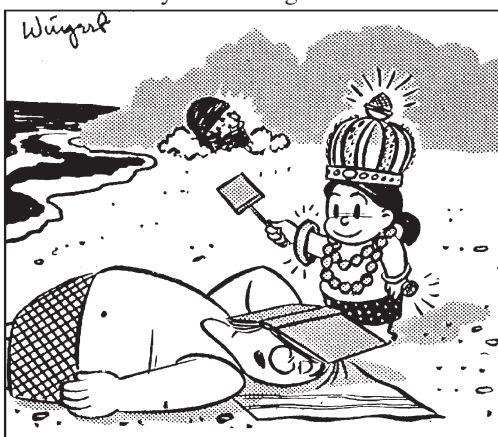
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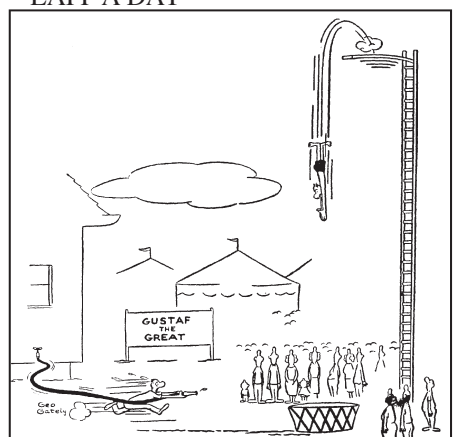
<b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 960 Industrial Park Road Rev. Randall Rogers, Pastor Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.	<b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> North Main Street Rev. E. J. Hutton, Pastor Sunday School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m.	<b>DAYSpring ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> 55 E. Lee Wilson Stevens Dr. Rev. Kathy S. Redden, Sr. Pastor Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m. Thursday Bible Study, 10 a.m.	<b>PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Walnut Street Elder Jeff Winfrey, Pastor Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Service, 6:30 p.m.	<b>CHARLESTON MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Highway 109 North Dr. Calvin Bryant, Pastor Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m. Children/Youth Programs 4:00-5:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. <a href="http://www.vci.net/fccds">www.vci.net/fccds</a>	<b>FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH</b> Eli Street Dr. Larry Davidson, Pastor Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m. Thursday Mass, 8 a.m.	<b>RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> Industrial Park Road Father Bruce Fogle, Pastor Sunday Mass, 10:00 a.m. Thursday Mass, 8 a.m.	<b>GOSPEL ASSEMBLY</b> 1440 Industrial Park Road Rev. Ben Butero, Pastor Worship Service, 1 p.m. Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wed. & Fri. Services, 7:30 p.m.
<b>MT. PISGAH BAPTIST CHURCH</b> White School Road Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. Training Union, 6 p.m. Evening Worship, 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.	<b>MISSIONARY BAPTIST TEMPLE</b> Corner 4-H Rd. and Rosedale Ln. Bro. Donnie Howton, Pastor Sunday School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m. Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday Service, 7 p.m.	<b>DUNN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Highway 109 North Sunday School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m. Training Union, 6 p.m. Evening Worship, 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.	<b>BETHEL CHAPEL GENERAL BAPTIST</b> Bro. Donnie Rogers, Pastor Sunday School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m. Evening Worship, 6 p.m.	<b>SUTHARDS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Highway 112 Bro. George Brooks, Pastor Sunday School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m. Training Union, 6 p.m. Evening Worship, 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.	<b>SILENT RUN BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Bro. Rick Lutz, Pastor Sunday School, 10 a.m. Evening Worship, 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.	<b>PROSPECT MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Highway 70, near Dalton Bro. Tom McKim, Pastor Sunday School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m. Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.	<b>LANDMARK APOSTOLIC HOLINESS CHURCH</b> 590 Industrial Park Road Rev. Robert Akers, Pastor Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m. Victory Service, 6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday, 7 p.m.
<b>CASTLEBERRY GENERAL BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Empire, Ky. Dwight Brown, Pastor Sunday School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m. Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday, 7 p.m.	<b>FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER</b> 550 Walnut Grove Road Thomas Childers, Pastor Sun. Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m. Sun. Evening Evangelistic, 6 p.m. Wed. Night Bible Study, 7 p.m. (Bible classes for children age 3-15)	<b>MIDWAY VALLEY PENTECOSTAL CHURCH</b> Highway 62 West Bro. Willard Walls, Pastor Sunday School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m. Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday Service, 7 p.m.	<b>ILSLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Hwy. 112, Ilesley Bro. Johnny Gibson, Pastor Sunday School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m. Evening Worship, 6 p.m.	<b>KIRKWOOD SPRINGS HOLINESS CHURCH</b> Kennedy Lane Rev. Kenneth R. Moore, Pastor Sunday School, 10:15 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m. Sunday Night, 7 p.m. Thursday Night, 7 p.m.	<b>ADRIEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Olney Road Bro. David Frisby, Pastor Sunday School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m.	<b>GREATER FAITH APOSTOLIC CHURCH</b> Highway 62 West Morning Worship, 10 a.m. Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday, 7 p.m.	<b>PLEASANT UNION GENERAL CHURCH</b> Beulah Bro. Nathan Bone, Pastor Sunday School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m. Evening Worship, 5 p.m. Wednesday, 7 p.m.
<b>LAFAYETTE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 5325 Niles Road Rev. Thurman Harris, Pastor Sunday School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m.	<b>GREENWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Union Temple Road Rev. Bobby McKnight, Pastor Morning Worship, 10 a.m. Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday, 7 p.m.	<b>NEW HOPE MISSIONARY BAPTIST</b> Junction 1294 & 293 Rev. Harold Salyers, Pastor Sunday School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m. Evening Worship, 7 p.m. Wednesday, 7 p.m.	<b>RABBIT RIDGE FULL GOSPEL CHURCH</b> Highways 109 & 502 Rev. Raymond Cummings, Pastor Morning Worship, 10 a.m. Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday, 7 p.m.	<b>LAKE GROVE GENERAL BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Bro. Wayne McCoy, Pastor Sunday School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m. Youth Meeting, 6 p.m. Evening Worship, 7 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday, 7 p.m.	<b>NEW HOPE HOLINESS CHURCH</b> 19000 Dawson Springs Rd. Rev. Douglas Barnett, Pastor Sunday Bible Study, 3 p.m. Church Service, 4 p.m.	<b>EMPIRE HOLINESS CHURCH</b> Empire, Ky. Bro. Rodger Fuller, Pastor Sunday School, 10 a.m. Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday, 7 p.m. Saturday, 7 p.m.	<b>GILLAND RIDGE GENERAL BAPTIST</b> St. Charles John W. Haire, Pastor Sunday School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m. Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday, 7 p.m.
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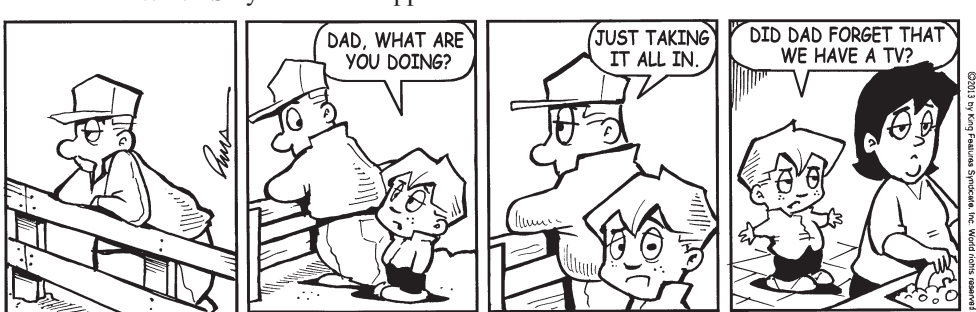
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★**

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MISTER BREGER By Dave Breger



Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



TRIVIA TEST

1. HISTORY: In what century did the Industrial Revolution begin?  
2. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What kind of bird is a harrier?  
3. MYTHOLOGY: In Greek mythology, what gift was given to Cassandra by the god Apollo?  
4. ENTERTAINERS: Who is actress Shirley MacLaine's equally famous younger brother?  
5. TELEVISION: What is the name (and nickname) of the dad on the 1990s sitcom "Home Improvement"?  
6. NATURAL WORLD: What color is the mineral malachite?  
7. INVENTIONS: When was the modern zipper invented?  
8. U.S. STATES: What state is home to Moosehead Lake?  
9. GEOGRAPHY: Where would one find the Queen Elizabeth Islands?  
10. HIGHER EDUCATION: What is Georgia Tech's official mascot of the student body?

Answers  
1. 18th century  
2. A hawk  
3. Prophecy  
4. Actor Warren Beatty  
5. Tim "The Tool Man" Taylor  
6. Green  
7. 1913  
8. Maine  
9. Northern Canada  
10. The Ramblin' Wreck, a 1930 Ford Model A Sport Coupe

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SUPER CROSSWORD

**ACROSS**

1 Requests at bar doors  
8 Liquid-filled vessel in which to clean things  
15 Map source  
20 Smears with animal fat  
21 Dish of soybeans boiled in their pods  
22 Horse sound  
23 Most valuable  
25 Fish store favorite  
26 Peter of film  
27 Dress edge  
28 To that place  
30 Impersonal little kiss, enlarged?  
36 Celebs' rides  
41 Summer, in Québec  
42 Military order  
43 Very quickly, enlarged?  
46 "Casino" co-star Joe  
51 Williams of tennis  
52 Dog, often  
53 Time-stamps anew  
55 Jails

**DOWN**

1 "Tell — the judge!"  
2 Flit  
3 Ad biz award  
4 Fido's food  
5 Drum effect  
6 Uncool sort  
7 Dallas-to-Laredo dir.  
8 Visitors' first words  
9 "— to the list"

**ACROSS**

57 NHL trophy, enlarged?  
62 Flight part  
63 Airport transport  
66 Tiny tot  
67 ROTC grads  
68 Alternate title of this puzzle  
73 Exec's deg.  
75 Food court pizza chain  
76 With 44-Down, Kenobi of sci-fi  
77 Cloverleaf components  
80 Failure to act promptly, enlarged?  
84 Now-rare skill  
86 Frequent downhiller's purchase  
87 Role-play  
90 — Butter (Nabisco cookie)  
91 Razz  
92 Harvard or Yale, reduced?  
97 Post-failure comment  
99 "— you ready?"  
100 Writer with morals

**DOWN**

101 Walk around looking for work, reduced?  
108 In proportion  
109 Thumbs-downs  
110 See 101-Down  
116 White wader  
117 Skeptically, enlarged?  
123 "The Cloister and the Hearth" novelist Charles  
124 "Free Your Mind" R&B group  
125 Nation next to Georgia  
126 Earnestness  
127 Wanted  
128 It has three-pointed antlers

**ACROSS**

13 "Follow Me —" (Kipling poem)  
14 Final bowling frames  
15 Bit of hijinks  
16 Zipper parts  
17 Limber  
18 Feel similarly  
19 "Jaws" peril  
24 "All right, I get it!"  
29 Snicker bit  
31 One-eighty  
32 "— di-dah!"  
33 Western  
34 Opposite of old, in Bonn  
35 La Brea staff  
36 Talks like the cat Sylvester  
37 Not reactive  
38 2000 #1 hit for Santana  
39 Infant's bodysuit  
40 Spanish lady  
44 See 76-Across  
45 Some chess pcs.  
46 "At once!"  
47 — de vie  
48 Deadlocks  
49 Official doc.  
50 Cause adherents

**DOWN**

53 Fix, as a loose board  
54 They blink (Bolivia)  
56 Swims with the fishes, maybe  
58 A couple of runners at the corners, in baseball  
59 — Lingus  
60 Sci-fi skipper  
61 Singer Lisa  
64 Limp as —  
65 Icy hazard  
69 Lith. and Ukr., once  
70 Workweek ender: Abbr.  
71 Address of "Dr. No"  
72 Infant's toy  
73 Hit 1990s computer game  
74 Scorch  
78 Spaghetti sauce brand  
79 Bug causing a sore throat  
81 They result in two outs: Abbr.  
82 "Lost" actor Daniel — Kim  
83 Moo goo — pan  
85 Artist Yoko  
88 Raised a din  
89 "Mother" of Calcutta  
92 Mad feeling  
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To Your Good Health

By Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

**Spinal Stenosis Often Cause of Back Pain**

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: You have no idea how painful spinal stenosis is. Only oxycodone works. My doctor is afraid that I will become addicted. I am 75. I would rather die an addict than a person in constant pain. A surgeon told me it was too dangerous to operate unless I am in constant pain. Can you help? -- B.A.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I read your article on spinal stenosis. I am 82, in good health, but plagued with back pain. My daughter, a nurse at a university hospital, had me see a neurosurgeon there. He suggested a microsurgical procedure that took about three hours. I was discharged with a small bandage. I am now more than two months post-op, and my back feels better than it has in years. People with spinal stenosis should consider this operation. -- M.R.

ANSWER: Spinal stenosis is one of the most frequent causes of back pain. The spinal cord is an extension of the brain. It runs from the neck to the lower back. It's only as thick as your little finger. An eraser dropped from 12 inches onto it would smash it beyond repair. It, therefore, needs protection. Nature has encased it in the back bones (vertebrae) through a tunnel that runs the length of the spinal column. Narrowing of the tunnel is called spinal stenosis.

The narrowed part compresses the spinal cord and is quite painful. The narrowing comes from bone spurs, arthritis changes or thickening of back ligaments. Physical therapy, through strengthening back muscles and stretching thickened back ligaments, often lessens pain. Pain medicines can be used liberally. Injection of cortisone into the spinal canal (epidurals) is another way to ease pain and compression.

M.R.'s suggestion of surgery bears consideration, especially his comments on microsurgery, where a half-inch incision allows the surgeon to spread back muscles and other tissues so the surgeon can home in on the area of involved stenosis. A hollow cylinder is inserted through the spread back tissues, and special instruments allow visualization of the area with the ability to remove the compression. It's something that B.A. ought to consider with the constant pain she endures.

The booklet on back problems deals with some of the more-common back conditions and their treatment. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue -- No. 303W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

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DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My wife has taken blood pressure medicine for many years. She's now 66. Her doctor put her on a new medicine that has her pressure at 125/65. It's never been that low before. Is that too low for someone her age? -- L.W.

ANSWER: Does your wife complain of dizziness, especially upon standing up? If she doesn't, then her pressure isn't too low. Ideal blood pressure is lower than 120/80.

It's true older people don't always tolerate a sudden drop in their pressure, even though the pressure might be in the normal range. I don't consider your wife to be "older." You'd better not either.

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Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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ANSWERS TO THIS WEEK'S PUZZLES

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The Housing Authority of Dawson Springs is currently accepting sealed bids for 2 commercial grade zero-turn lawn mowers. The specifications are:

**2003 and 2004 Exmark Turf Ranger**
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Sealed bids can be mailed or delivered to 100 Clarkdale Court, Dawson Springs, KY 42408. All bids must be received by 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 16, and the bid opening will be at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 17, at 100 Clarkdale Court. If your bid is selected, you will have until Friday, May 24, to bring payment or we will proceed to the next lower bid. You can bid on one or both mowers. You may call the Housing Authority at 270-797-2512 if you have any questions or would like to see or operate the mowers.

The mowers will be sold "as is," with no warranty or guarantee. The Housing Authority reserves the right to reject all bids if the set minimum is not reached.

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Is seeking a Youth Leader to organize and lead our Youth Program. This is a part time position and the leader will meet with middle and high school youth on Sundays and Wednesday evenings. Must pass background check and attend our sexual misconduct prevention training. To apply, contact us at secretary@trinityparish.com

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## Pennyrile Garden Club Meets At State Park

The Pennyrile Garden Club met April 16 at Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park. Peggy Furgerson was the hostess.

President Imogene Davis called the meeting to order, and members answered the roll by identifying the famous person they would like to spend a day with.

Sharon Budd read the minutes from the March meeting. Furgerson gave the financial report.

During business discussions, members made plans to purchase the plants for the club's urn in Veterans Memorial Park so that planting will be completed before upcoming

downtown events. Additionally, the club will prepare for the first 2013 Yard of the Month selection in May by ensuring the nomination box is available at the Dawson Springs Branch Library.

Budd presented the major lesson, Mulch, the Great Coverup. Davis gave the minor lesson on lilacs. After dessert, the members played bingo.

Those attending were Dianne Back, Charlotte Cooley, JoAnn Edwards, Susan Menser, Eloise Morris, Budd, Davis and Furgerson.

The next meeting will be May 21 with Sally Jackman as hostess.



**KINDERGARTEN students at Dawson Springs Elementary School who were visited by the Dawson Springs Volunteer Fire Department Tuesday, April 16, are (from left) Lily Simmons and Emma Carter.**

## Derby Day Celebration Scheduled At Pennyrile

The Friends of Pennyrile will sponsor a Derby Day celebration Saturday at Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park. The public is invited to the festivities which are expected to become an annual event.

There is no need to travel to Louisville and fight the crowd at Churchill Downs when visitors can watch the race in the comfort of the fireside room. Post time is 4:24 p.m., and refreshments will be served.

From 6 to 7 p.m. the Eddy Grove Trio made up of Kala Dunn, Dr. Gary Brockway and Sean Mestan, will perform a selection of folk and bluegrass music in the dining room. Dinner, including a buffet, will begin at 4 p.m.

A DJ dance will begin at 7. Those who do not dance can bring some friends and come out and listen to some "oldies" and socialize. Dress is casual.

Everyone in attendance will be registered for prizes to be given away every half hour. Jenny Sewell, president of the Friends of Pennyrile, will conduct a hat contest with a country ham going to the wearer of the prettiest hat.

## MCC Announces Dates For Grad's Ceremonies

The 2013 graduation ceremonies at Madisonville Community College have been scheduled for May 10 at the Glema Mahr Center for the Arts. The first ceremony begins at 5:30 p.m. and will honor associate in arts, associate in science and nursing program graduates. The second ceremony begins at 7:30 p.m. and will honor associate in applied science and diploma graduates. Kathy Jacobi, president of

the Felix E. Martin Jr. Foundation, will be this year's commencement speaker.

It is anticipated that 160 graduates will participate in the May 10 ceremonies, and MCC expects to award approximately 1,100 credentials for the 2012-2013 academic year.

The community is invited to attend the graduation ceremonies and celebrate the accomplishments of the students.

## Jennie Stuart Announces Upcoming Classes/Events

Jennie Stuart Medical Center is holding or participating in the following free classes and events in May:

A breast-feeding class led by an RN lactation consultant will be held tomorrow from 6 to 8 p.m. in the board room on the second floor of JSMC. Reserve a seat by phoning 885-2888.

A support group for spouses, caregivers and survivors of strokes and head injuries will meet at 5:15 Monday at Cotthoff Learning Center in the Doctors Pavilion. Phone 885-7023 for information.

An RN educator from JSMC will participate in a health fair May 10 from 9 a.m. until noon. The fair will take place at Micah Mission Center, 209 S. Main St. in Hopkinsville.

Also on May 10, the Trigg County Relay for Life will be held at Trigg County High School beginning at 6 p.m. Register at relayforlife.

## Residents' Granddaughter Is Accepted At Academy

Lydia Buzzard, 16, is one of 72 students selected for the Class of 2015 at the Carol Martin Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science in Kentucky.

Lydia is the daughter of Dale and Phuong Buzzard and the granddaughter of Carl and Ruth Buzzard of Dawson Springs. She currently attends Heritage Christian Academy in Hopkinsville where she is on the academic team and the student council and is a member of Beta Club and manager of the girls basketball team. She has achieved a black belt in tae kwon do, which she teaches to younger students, and is a member of St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church.

The Gatton Academy is Kentucky's only state-supported residential program for high school students with interests in advanced science and math careers and one of only 15 such programs in the nation. In 2012, Newsweek named the Gatton Academy the nation's top public high school.

In the fall of 2012, approximately 280 Kentucky sophomores started the application process with 180 students qualifying for review. Applicants were evaluated based on ACT/SAT scores, high school grades, awards, extracurricular activities, responses to essay questions and letters of recommendation. In February, 100 candidates were invited to interview with community leaders from across the commonwealth and academy staff.



**LYDIA BUZZARD**

The selected students scored an average composite of 30.2 on the ACT and 29.2 on the math portion of the exam. The highest possible score is a 36.

The goal of the Gatton Academy is to enable Kentucky's exceptional young scientists and mathematicians to learn in an environment that offers advanced educational opportunities, preparing them for leadership roles in Kentucky. The academy also assists in preparing Kentucky to compete in a knowledge-based economy by increasing the number of scientists and engineers who live and work in the state.

Students will complete their junior and senior years of high school living in a residence hall and taking courses offered by Western Kentucky University. At the end of their two-year course of study, they will graduate from high school and will have earned at least 60 college credit hours.

## Princeton Animal Shelter Hosting Bowling Event

New Beginnings Animal Shelter continues its string of fund-raisers with the first ever "Pins for Pets" Bowling Tournament and Silent Auction which will be held May 17 at Lucky Strike Lanes in Princeton. The tournament will take place from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Teams will consist of four people. The cost is \$15 per person. To sign up a team, phone Lucky Strike Lanes at 365-5376 or Candace Hyatt at 625-3407. Both individuals and businesses are

encouraged to participate. There will be a trophy for the winner, other participant prizes, plus items to bid on. All proceeds benefit the animals of New Beginnings Animal Shelter.

An adoption fair-tailgate party will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 18 at Tractor Supply in Princeton. Grilled hamburgers and hotdogs, chips and soda will be sold, along with a variety of baked goods. This event is a good opportunity to meet the pets available for adoption.

## Sheldon Dearing Receives Academic Award At WKU

Western Kentucky University's college of Education and Behavioral Sciences presented its annual awards April 28.

Sheldon L. Dearing of Dawson Springs received a Junior Academic Achievement

Award from the Department of Psychology during the ceremony held at the Carroll Knically Conference Center.

Dearing is a 2010 graduate of Dawson Springs High School.

## Sons Of American Legion Schedules Officer Election

The Sons of the American Legion will hold an election of officers at 6 p.m. May 7 at Poe Barnett Post

310.

All members are urged to attend. For information, phone 797-2114.



**DAWSON SPRINGS Elementary School third grade math team which competed at Madisonville Community College April 26, with their teacher, Beth Dillingham, are (from left) Ross Moore, second place DSES winner; Gabe Wokman, first place DSES winner; Maddie Huddleston; Skye Bratcher; and Abigail Garrett.**

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**ADULTS who served as chaperones for the Dawson Springs High School Band trip to New Orleans during their spring break week are (kneeling, from left) Andy Hall, Karla Mitchell, Anita Black, Josie Mathis; (back) Willie Adams, Darla Adams, Michelle Adams, Charlotte Cooley, Lori Adams, Kathy Kelley, Todd Prow, Vonda Castle, Bruce Ladd, Claudia Norris, and Melvin Todd.**

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